

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of each claim of the present application is listed below.

Claims 1-35: (Canceled).

36. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a cDNA encoding a human brain natriuretic peptide, comprising:

hybridizing a probe having a DNA sequence encoding a part of a porcine brain natriuretic peptide to a human cDNA library;
selecting a positive clone; and
isolating the cDNA of said positive clone,
wherein said probe is obtained by digesting a complete or incomplete cDNA clone encoding porcine brain natriuretic peptide with endonucleases XhoI and RsaI.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 36, wherein said probe is labeled.

Claims 38-73: (Canceled).

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 62-73 have been canceled. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.